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An Englishman's View.

Hon. William Allen, a member of the English parliament, does the United States the honor to take an optimistic view of our ability to settle Spain's fate in short order in the event of the opening of hostilities. Speaking of the report that Spain is preparing to buy war vessels of England and other nations, Mr. Allen says:

"Why Spain is a retrograde, moribund nation. If she snapped up all the warships available all over the world, she could not give the United States cause for an instant's concern. I believe in the grit, tenacity and fighting capacity of the Anglo-Saxon race as against these Spaniards, who are fed on oil and garlic and are without stamina. Why, in the olden days our buccaners used to beat them, and they have not improved since; rather the contrary."

There is a great deal of truth in this blunt remark from the Englishman. Much stress is placed upon the comparative size of the Spanish and United States navies, but very few speculators seem to make any comparison of the fighting qualities of the two nationalities. That counts for a good deal. Spanish fighting quality has been showing itself very much to its own disadvantage in Cuba, and whenever it has been exhibited on the seas in the past the showing has been the same, with few exceptions.

The Englishman refers to another phase of the situation when he says that "there will be no war, as the Spanish government knows that it would be a signal for a Carlist uprising. They will have some kind of a revolution in Spain before long, but war with the United States, there will be none. I never believed that the United States wants Cuba, but I believe she will employ all her influence to establish a republic there."

This may also turn out to be true, unless the Spanish government is forced into war in spite of itself. The Carlists and other revolutionary elements in Spain are opportunists, and would want no better advantage than they would be afforded by the government becoming involved in a war with a great power that would require all its military, naval and financial resources. It must not be supposed that the government of the dons is blind to this fact, and although it is keeping up a magnificent game of "bluff" at present, grave considerations of conditions at home will arise when a war climax to the crisis comes, if it does come, a probability which is still a question of the future.

Now, for the Soldiers' Remuneration.

With the appointment of the working committees to arrange for the annual reunion of the Society of the Army of West Virginia, to be held in this city next September, the movement to make the occasion one long to be remembered has begun in earnest. Although the date for the reunion is several months off, it is no one day too early to begin the preparations to make it a success. That it will be a success there is no doubt.

Those who recall the last meeting of the society in Wheeling remember that it was the most successful of all the reunions held by the organization. The characteristic hospitality of the city of Wheeling was never better demonstrated than on that occasion, and ever since the veterans have been desirous of returning. Those who will have the arrangements in charge this year will leave nothing undone to make the coming gathering equal to the other, if, indeed, it does not excel it.

While the ranks of the Society have been thinned somewhat by the hand of death, there are thousands of the brave old boys left, and many comrades who were not in the army of West Virginia, but were at the front just the same, will be here to join in and share the good time that Wheeling will give her guests, besides thousands who have grown up since the war, but are no less patriotic than their elders who responded to the country's call at that time.

Aside from the patriotic sentiment which will prompt the citizens to put forth their best efforts to entertain the guests, there is another thing for the community to consider. From a more selfish standpoint it behooves those who are able to do so to contribute liberally to the fund for the expense account. No city or town ever lost anything in making such an occasion as this a success, and in dealing generously with the visitors. It pays to bring strangers to the city in large numbers, whether they come to celebrate and spend the time in social intercourse or whether they come on purely commercial business. The impression that is made is always a sure and lasting benefit.

Wheeling can afford to make this reunion a big affair, not only for the veterans, but for herself, and the Intelligencer does not believe that it overesti-

mates the generosity of the citizens of the city when it predicts that they will unite in making it an occasion that will not only reflect credit upon themselves but will be a fitting tribute to the honored heroes who will be their guests.

A Case of Careless Reporting.

A former West Virginian, who is residing in New York, sends to the Intelligencer a clipping from a New York paper of February 19, containing a report of a lecture delivered before the St. Matthew's branch of the Junior Auxiliary of the Church Board of Missions, of that city, by the Rev. B. M. Spurr, rector of Trinity Episcopal Church, at Mountville. The extract illustrates how a careless reporter may sometimes, in an effort to condense the words of a public speaker, do him a great injustice, and mislead the reader by leaving in his mind a wrong impression concerning the meaning of the speaker. In this instance the general subject treated of by Mr. Spurr is confused with his local identity in a way that causes him to appear to say things which reflect upon the state of society in West Virginia, something which the Intelligencer believes was farthest from the reverend gentleman's mind. Our New York correspondent, who probably could not understand that Mr. Spurr's address was emasculated in order to get it into brief space, regards it as "prejudicial to our state in the influence it has over those who have no reason to doubt the truthfulness of the speaker."

The newspaper report in question speaks of the introduction of Mr. Spurr, of West Virginia, who, it says, "told of his work among the 'poor whites,'" and quotes him as follows:

"A 'poor white' boy has no chance to become a man," he said, "unless we give it to him, nor has a girl any opportunity of knowing anything about virtue. They are so degraded that even negroes shun them. Indeed, if a black man were to marry one of them he would be expelled from the community, and I have never seen anywhere a condition of physical wretchedness equal to that which exists among these 'poor whites'."

Mr. Spurr's work is conducted under the auspices, not of the church as a whole, but of one individual church in Mountville, W. Va., of which he is rector. Mr. Spurr is now trying to raise money for a home for incurable consumptives, as he says that 50 per cent of the people among whom he is working are afflicted with that disease.

If our New York friend, who inquires if such things can be true of West Virginia, had weighed carefully Mr. Spurr's remarks it would have occurred to him that the picture he was drawing did not refer to any conditions that prevail in his field of work in West Virginia, for no such conditions as those described exist here, and he distinctly refers to the south as a whole and not to West Virginia. In parts of the south such conditions do exist, but happily, with the general advancement that is being made they are rapidly disappearing. In West Virginia we know of no section where the description would apply, unless it may be found in one or two border counties, and to apply it to them would be an exaggeration. Our friends in the east who seemed to regard the picture as illustrative of a condition of society in West Virginia are misled by the reporter's statement that Mr. Spurr was speaking of his own field of work in West Virginia. As to West Virginia, the social conditions among the "poor whites" are no worse than they are in many of our northern sister states, and the advancement of the state on the lines of material development, education and morality and general progressiveness, is second to none in the Union, considering her age and advantages. Our New York friend is invited to inspect the educational, industrial and social statistics of West Virginia in proof of this assertion.

Mr. Spurr's address was evidently garbled by a well-meaning newspaper reporter who hasn't heard that West Virginia is not in the woods. He is also doubtless misquoted concerning the prevalence of consumption among the people of his own field of work, which is Mountville. No such percentage, nor the half of it, prevails in the most consumptive ridden section of the continent. A large percentage of consumption in Mr. Spurr's special field may be due to the fact that it includes the state penitentiary, though fifty per cent there would be out of reason, and the New York paper owes an apology to him for holding him a victim of an evident typographical error.

The speech delivered by Senator Elkins, in the senate, on Wednesday, attacking the Canadian Pacific railway, and suggesting remedies for the evils that work against American trade, a summary of which appeared in Thursday's Intelligencer, is worthy of careful reading. Mr. Elkins clearly points out the disadvantages under which the American competing railroads rest, and shows how the effect can be in a large measure counteracted. The senator's speech is that of a practical man, who has carefully studied the conditions that exist, and who has reasoned out the remedies for at least some of the obstacles that are in the way of successful competition by American roads. Nothing can be added to his strong presentation of the case.

In the midst of all the war alarms the publication that two more United States war ships are going to Cuba does not disturb or excite the public mind. These ships are on a different mission than that which may take them later on. They are on a mission of mercy and peace, conveying to the starving and suffering non-combatants in the stricken island the relief which has been contributed by humane Americans. There is no reason to fear that these vessels will meet a fate like that of the Maine. They will simply discharge their cargo and return.

Ex-Governor "Windy" Wilson's resolution in a Charleston citizens' meeting favoring a declaration of war against Spain immediately was voted down promptly by the cool heads. If Mr. Wilson intended this piece of flimsy as his first gun in his senatorial campaign, he aimed it wild. What use has a man going to war or gunning for a senatorship, when he can't hit the side of the barn at the first shot?

E. C. Brice, the Chicago alchemist, who claims that his process of manufacturing gold is a commercial success, is in danger of being charged with an attempt to kill the free silver movement. No one has yet claimed that he is in the

pay of Mark Hanna and the gold bugs of Wall street, but just wait until the fall campaign opens.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

When the ghost fails to walk the actors are compelled to.

A man in staid circumstances sometimes does crooked things.

No man is ever bored as long as you talk to him about himself.

A sweetheart with a sour disposition is apt to spoil the honeymoon.

When a man takes a little wine he probably takes it for his stomach's ache.

When a woman tugs at a man's heart-strings it's apt to pucker his purse-strings.

There is no rose without thorns, and no society bud without pins in her dress.

Machine politicians, like other mechanics, believe in having a place for every tool.

It is a popular superstition among theatrical people that bald-headed men always forge to the front.

Every time a man is found dead in a bath-room some people think that they have an additional reason for boycotting water.

It is a woman's privilege to wear short-sleeved dresses if she wants to. The constitution of the United States says: "The right to bear arms shall not be infringed."—Chicago Daily News.

WHAT THE BACHELOR SAYS.

No woman makes a good wife till after her husband does.

It is all right to look on the bright side as long as it doesn't make you squint.

A woman would worry herself to death over paying for her lot in the cemetery.

A wife always cries when she's mad and a husband is always mad when she cries.

Every husband expects his wife to let on before other people that he knows how to cook.

No matter how many bundles a woman has to carry, she can always fit a baby in somewhere.—New York Press.

Find a Cure for Pneumonia.

Considerable discussion has been caused among members of the medical profession by the discovery of two Brooklyn physicians of a remedy which they believe will cure the dread disease pneumonia.

Dr. Charles Lundbeck and Dr. Carl Elfsstrom, who have worked together developing this cure, are positive that it will be a success. Dr. Lundbeck says:

"There is not the slightest danger attached to the treatment, and it is painless. No drugs are used. I simply draw a quantity of blood from the patient. The amount is determined by the condition of the patient. To give an idea of the quantity I may say, it is very small—about fifty grams, or a little more than one ounce and a half, in most cases. This blood is prepared by a process in which heat as well as time is a factor in preparing the serum. It is prepared in a vessel something like an incubator. It takes several hours to prepare it, and it is then hypodermically injected into the patient."

"In one case, where the patient's lungs were sore and she had the greatest difficulty in breathing, the lungs began to melt in ten or twelve hours, and she is now fully restored to health."

"There is no secret about the method. It is simply as to the preparation of the serum that we have had mainly to experiment. The serum acts in making the bacilli harmless, and that is what effects the cure. As soon as I have perfected all the methods I will inform the members of my profession. There is no reason to keep anything secret. It will be for the good of humanity."—New York Herald.

A Kentucky Lament.

Lexington Herald: Kentucky is rich and tough; and while it is true she needs rest and peace and quiet, she is not going to the "demonition bow-wow." And on this Sunday morning we can give thanks for many blessings—among others that the constitution has fixed a prescribed time, at the end of which the legislature must adjourn, and that the governor is not in accord with this legislature. We never realized the condition to which Kentucky could be brought, until we found the good, sensible and industrious people of this state, who are in the majority, thinking God that the governor was not such a Democrat as the legislature.

The Herald has to-night more hope of the Democratic party of Kentucky than it has had since the nomination of Mr. Bryan at Chicago. The fight in the house and senate shows that there is a conservative element, brave, resolute and Democratic. It can win control of the party. It has the courage to keep up the fight.

The Herald has profound pity for the poor weaklings in the legislature whose backbone is mush and whose liver is white; who know what is right and who want to vote right, but who are too cowardly to stand up for their convictions and cover behind the hypocritical pretense of caucus and regularity. Poor, poor fellows! They can't help it—they are built that way.

Somewhere.

How can I cease to pray for thee? Somewhere

In God's great universe thou art to-day, Can He not reach thee with His tender care?

Can He not hear me when for thee I pray?

What matters it to Him who holds within The hollow of His hand all worlds, all space,

Somewhere within His ken thou hast a place.

That thou art done with earthly pains and sin?

Somewhere thou livest and hast need of Him;

Somewhere thy soul sees higher heights to climb;

And somewhere still there may be valleys dim

That thou must pass to reach the hills sublime.

Then all the more, because thou canst not hear

Poor human words of blessing, will I

O true, brave heart! God bless thee, where'er

In His great universe thou art today!

—Julia C. A. Dorr.

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"I notice the exclusive people of New York amuse themselves getting up family trees." "Yes, and their similar forefathers did the same thing."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Man's Inhumanity.—Mrs. Reader—What are the dead languages, my dear? Mr. Reader—Oh, they are probably the ones that women have talked to death.—Chicago News.

Mrs. Roomer—What measures do you adopt to get rid of boarders who are bad pay? Mrs. Board—Oh, I just give them a little cold shoulder.—Philadelphia North American.

Senior Partner—We must discharge that traveller of ours. He told one of our customers that I was a fool. Junior Dktto—I'll see him at once and insist upon his keeping the firm's secrets.—Tit-Bits.

"By Jove, old man, you sat your horse like a Centaur." "Thanks. Glad to hear it. I was afraid I didn't ride very well." "Oh, you didn't. You were right up on the animal's neck all the time."—Cleveland Leader.

Little Tompkins—That fellow Brown tried to stuff me up with some of his travellers' tales the other day. Talked about his trip to Italy, and the waving fields of macaroni, but he didn't catch me, you know. They don't wave."—Punch.

Hazardous Sport.—"There are hazards in the game of golf, are there not?" asked the ignorant one. "Hazards!" exclaimed the veteran. "Well, I should say so. Why, no less than three marriage engagements were announced after the last match."—Chicago Evening Post.

She (whirling around on the piano stool)—"What a wretch that Nero must have been, to fiddle as they say he did. He—it was a mean thing to do, but let us be charitable. He might have made it even more disagreeable for the Romans by compelling one of the ladies of his household to play the piano."—Cleveland Leader.

Wasted Opportunity.—"I don't say as how ye ain't sincere in gettin' up an clamorin' for war," said Farmer Corn-tassel. "I may be nat'rally of an unduly suspicious nature." "I hev allus been for war on the slightest provocation," replied the excitable neighbor. "So ye hev. But I mus' say it kind o' makes me doubtful to find ye wastin' all this time talkin' 'bout fightin' when ye might be practisin' at a target."—Washington Star.

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